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Amendment

SIR:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on December 22, 2006. Applicants request, and submit fee for, a one month extension of time

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.

Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.